

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
1216 Bethlehem @ Ella Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77018

Phone: 713-688-7761
E-mail: oakscchouston@aol.com



Oaks Christian Church

Bound Together in Love



**TOILETRIES NEEDED
FOR MANNA'S
PANTRY**

**For more information
Contact**

**Billie Murray
(281) 448-1667**

Items Needed:

**Toiletries,
toothpaste, deodorant,
soap, bath tissue,
shampoo and shaving
cream.**

**Open Mon, Tues and
Thurs 9:30 a.m. –
11:30pm.**



Prayer Circle

Every Second Tuesday of the Month
9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. in Kirchner Hall.

Everyone Welcome!

*Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With
thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.
Philippians 4:6*

The Houston Crop Hunger Walk will take place on Sunday, November 4, 2012, and Oaks and other churches will be participating walking and/or sponsoring walkers. Walkers should bring your walking shoes to church November 4, and we will leave after the service. Registration opens at 1:00 and the walk begins at 2:00 at the Art Park on the Promenade, Sabine @ Memorial--just West of downtown. Donation envelopes will be available at church. If you are unable to walk November 4, you can participate as a Spirit Walker by supporting a walker with a donation or by taking an envelope to work to help raise funds or asking friends and family to donate. For more information contact Pat Whitley.

Oaks Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Oaks Notes



Acorns on the Ground

A Note from Don: "The Master Server"

Oaks Christian Church is a family church that loves to share God's word, God's Love, and God's fellowship with the world. We are a church in the near inner loop that strives to be a helpful part of the community. We are about Deep Christian spirituality, a true community and a passion for Justice. We celebrate communion every Sunday service and all who believe are welcome to receive.

I have now lived in this city of Houston for about 6 months. And for those of you who've gotten to know me well, you probably realized one of my favorite things to do is explore, especially for new restaurants! It wasn't long after I'd first come here, Linda and Kelsey were still living in Beaumont. I stumbled onto a little Mexican place named Don Teos. I was quickly becoming friends with the staff who realized a lonely old pastor would talk with almost anyone, especially when he's tired and hungry. One evening I'd come in late and told the waitress, "I'm too tired to decide, you surprise me." To my amazement she agreed! She said, "Do you trust me?" I said, "I do." And a new adventure had begun. I figured I most likely would not be getting one of my 2 or 3 usual items, but I was excited. The next thing you know...I had a beautiful beef chili releno sitting in front of me with charro beans. It was great!

And all I had to do was trust that wonderful server whom I'd just gotten to know a few weeks earlier. But if I can trust a woman I hardly knew in a situation like that, why is it sometimes so hard to trust the Lord who actually made me and who knows my every want and need? And I know we so often look to God, pleading with Him to tell us what exactly is happening and what's next on the menu. But He just says, "Trust me." It's been said that we often think that spirituality comes from our increasing knowledge of God...but actually it comes from our increasing awareness of the mystery of God. One of the greatest blessings we can ever experience or those kind we never see coming. We can't manufacture them or brace for them. They are usually those "off menu" kind we just didn't know about and we just have to trust Him or we will continue to get what we always get and of course that's good...it's just not best!

See ya Sunday.

In His Grip,
Pastor Don




Inside this issue:

Acorns on the Ground	1
Calendar Birthdays Anniversaries Calendar Note	2
Looking Ahead Church Attendance Treasury Report	3
MANNA Prayer Circle Crop Walk Announcement	4

OCTOBER 2012

Disciples of Christ - Bound Together in Love

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 CWF Love Meals 10:00 a.m.	3	4	5 Church Office Closed	6
 7 Bread Sunday	8	 9 Prayer Circle 9:30 a.m. Visitation - 1:00 p.m.	10 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	11	12 Church Office Closed	13
14	15	16 CWF Service Kits for Star of Hope	17 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	18	19 Church Office Closed	20
21	22	23 CWF General Mtg. Covered Dish	24 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	25	26 Church Office Closed	 27 Community Outreach
28 Trunk or Treat	29	30 No CWF Meeting	31 Choir rehearsal Bell Practice	Note: Please be collecting items such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, wash cloths, hand towels, bar soap and combs. We will be making up care gifts for the Star of Hope Mission .		

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:
01 - Elizabeth Wharton
06 - Bettie Bell,
06 - Larry Scruggs
12 - Michael Spencer
15 - Crissa Clawson
15 - Gene Murray
15 - Kayleigh Pitts (Louis Pitts')

Granddaughter)
19 - Mark E. Conover,
19 - Roy Horn,
19 - Jimmye Saldivar
22 - Kathryn Whitley
24 - Richard Smith
29 - Patsy Gonzales

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:
11 - Matt and Christen Scantlin
21 - Roy and Marceil Horn
27 - George and JoNell Hajovsky



Oaks Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
1216 Bethlehem
Houston, Texas 77018

Phone: 713.688.7761
Fax: 713.688.5100
E-mail: oakscchouston@aol.com
Web site: www.oakscchouston.org



Looking Ahead, Church Attendance and Treasury Report
ARTICLES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT NOON!

LOOKING AHEAD - Barb Scantlin & Jimmye Saldivar

Our annual Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 28th this year from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. We need volunteer trunks to line up in the parking lot and have candy available to give out to the Trick or Treaters. Some people decorate their cars and themselves and also have some little game with prizes to entertain the kids. But that is not a requirement to enter your trunk. There will be free hot dogs and also The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown movie will be showing continuously in Kirchner. Come and support our reaching out to the community and enter your trunk by letting Barb Scantlin know. We will also need help in serving up the hot dogs!! Thanks in advance for your involvement!!

Our annual Congregational meeting will be held November 11, immediately following worship service in the Sanctuary. As usual the agenda will be electing officers for 2013 and accepting the 2013 budget. There is one other business item that is a recommendation from the Board to sell the vacant lots (2) next to the old parsonage where our trash receptacle is stored. After the meeting, lunch will be celebrated as Victory Sunday closes out our Stewardship campaign. Please plan to attend.

Coming up very soon is Advent and in preparation for that time we need your help. We have a family tree that is put up in Kirchner with ornaments that represent you as an individual or as a family. We have several ornaments that are from people that are with our Lord now and to see their ornament reminds us of their contribution to the history of Oaks. So if you have never created or purchased an ornament, to be hung on the tree, please do so before we put the tree up and decorate it. You can add it at anytime, but we need to put your name and date on it before it is hung. Please turn these in to either Jimmye Saldivar or Barb Scantlin. Let's make our family tree bright and shiny with family this year!!

Oaks has many activities to become a part of....such as Sunday School, Women's Fellowship, Bible Studies, Choir, Handbells just to name a few. If you like to sing and feel being in the choir is a place for you, then talk to

Michael Rasco and we can make it happen. Also, our Handbell choir is a little less challenging because you don't have to read music...just count and know your right from your left hand!!! Easy enough, huh!!! Our notes are color coded and the music is fairly easy. The ringers now have been playing for quite a few years so the music that they play might be a little harder for someone that has never attempted to play music in this way before. But there again we can work with you and bring you into the choir as your confidence builds from practicing. You will never know until you try....so why not give it a shot and if it's not for you we understand and appreciate your efforts, but if you like it, then you'll be an Oaks Praise Ringer!!! Come and visit, we practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Carpe Diem class near the Sanctuary. If you have questions, call Barb Scantlin.

The CWF will be taking orders soon for homemade cookies for the holidays. We will be putting an order form in the bulletin, take orders for the listed kinds of cookies, bake them and then deliver them. Just think, no more holiday cookie baking. Just order from us. We will be baking chocolate chip, peanut butter, sugar cookies, etc..

SEPTEMBER Church Attendance Report			
Attendance for the Month of SEPT.	Sunday School	Church Attendance	
SEPT 02, 2012	13	53	
SEPT 09, 2012	18	48	
SEPT 16, 2012	17	44	
SEPT 23, 2012	15	55	
SEPT 30, 2012	13	55	
TOTALS	76	255	
From the Treasurer - Dorene Drake			
Operating Account 2012	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Deposits	\$9,005.00	\$12,119.80	\$9,170.50
Disbursements	11,141.47	13,154.22	9,572.11
Difference	(\$2,136.47)	(\$1,031.42)	(\$401.61)